

MARVEL

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VENOMIZED

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THE POISONS--A MULTIVERSAL SPECIES THAT HARVESTS SYMBIOTES AND CONSUMES THEIR SUPERHUMAN HOSTS--HAVE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON PRIME EARTH.

CAPTAIN AMERICA LED A DARING COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAINST THE INVADERS, BUT THE SCOPE OF THE SITUATION QUICKLY GREW BEYOND HIS CONTROL. DOZENS OF HEROES HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY BONDED TO SYMBIOTES, AND SOME HAVE BEEN CONSUMED ENTIRELY BY THE POISONS, INCLUDING THE PSYCHOTIC KILLER CLETUS KASADY AND THE YOUNG X-MAN JEAN GREY.

DURING A RESCUE OPERATION TO SAVE MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR, VENOM AND SPIDER-MAN DISCOVERED THAT THE SECRET TO STOPPING THE POISONS COULD BE ANTI-VENOM'S UNIQUE ANTI-SYMBIOTE PROPERTIES.

BUT THE CLOCK IS TICKING. THE POISONS ARE HELL-BENT ON FINDING KID KAIJU, WHOSE INHUMAN ABILITY TO CREATE MONSTERS COULD GIVE THE HIVE THE POWER IT NEEDS TO CONSUME ALL LIFE ON EARTH.

NOTE: THE EVENTS OF VENOMIZED TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE MIGHTY THOR #700.

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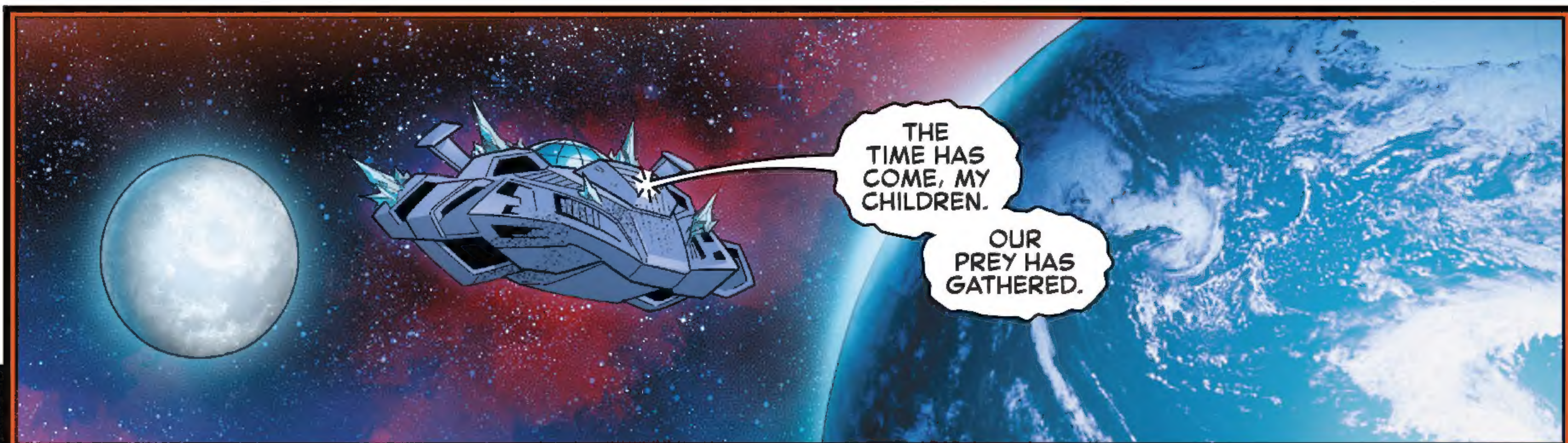
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THE
TIME HAS
COME, MY
CHILDREN.

OUR
PREY HAS
GATHERED.



THE
ANOMALIES
ARE WITH
THEM.

ONE SHALL
BE DESTROYED.
ONE SHALL BE
BROUGHT INTO THE
SERVICE OF
THE HIVE.



YOU,
THANOS MY
LOVE.

YOU WILL
BRING THE
CHILD KNOWN
AS KID KAIJU
TO ME.



AND,
YOU, VICTOR,
MY SON.

YOU
SHALL STAY
HERE WITH
ME.

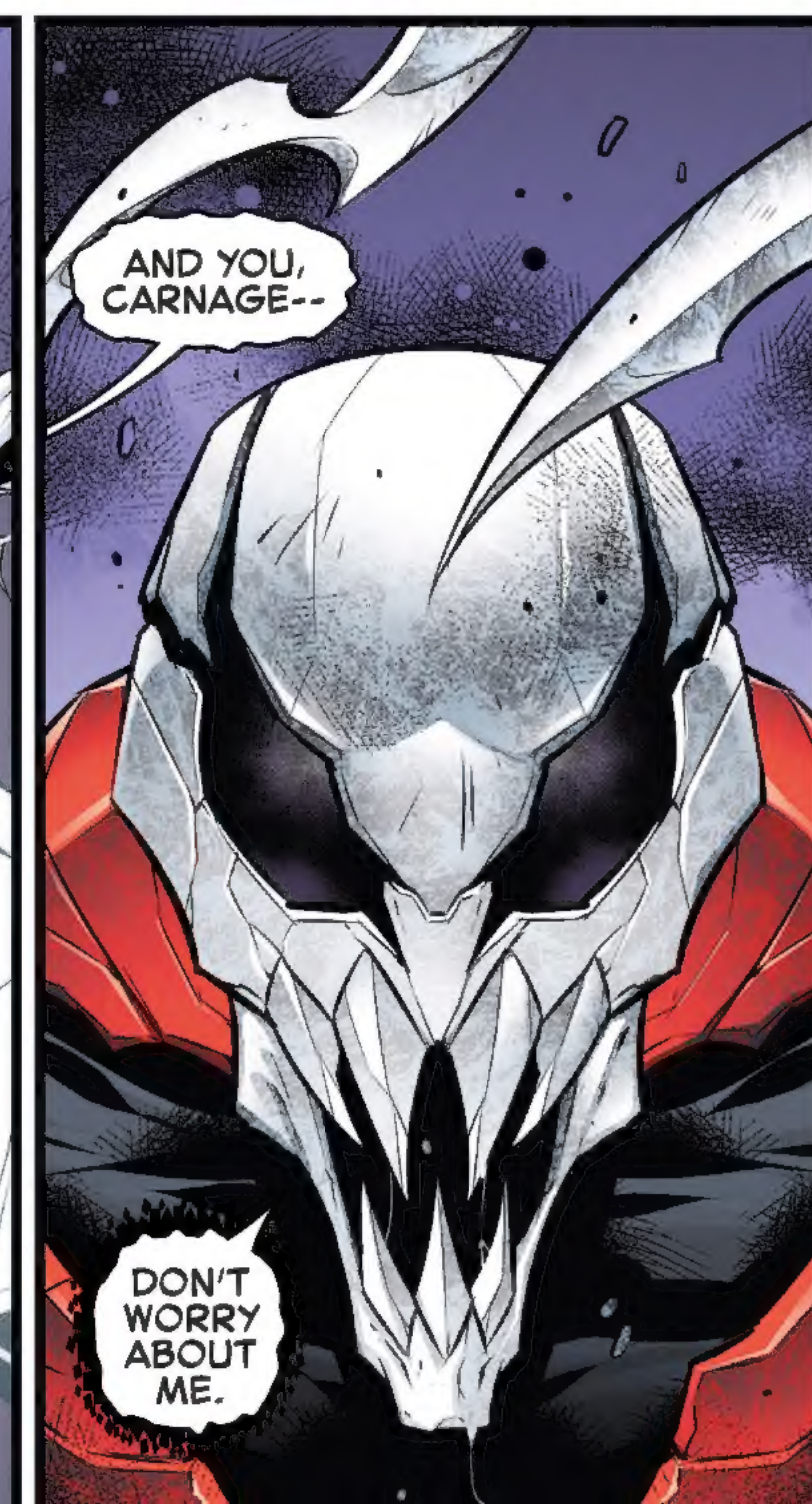
IT IS ONLY
A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
THEY SEEK ME OUT
AND TURN THEIR
WEAPONS
AGAINST US.



YOU
WILL STAY
WITH ME, TOO,
JEAN.

YOUR
GIFTS WILL
ENHANCE MY
OWN.

WHEN
THEY COME
TO US, WE WILL
CRUSH THEM
TOGETHER.



AND YOU,
CARNAGE--

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME.





SET US
DOWN OVER
THERE!

WE NEED TO
REGROUP!



NEED A
BETTER IDEA
OF WHERE WE
STAND!



KID KAIJU--BACK
THERE...ON THE
BRIDGE...YOU
DID WELL.

YOU
PULLED OUR
FAT OUT OF
THE FRYER,
SON.



BUT THE
CREATURES WHO
WERE ATTACKING...
WE CAN'T JUST LET
THEM RUN
RAMPANT.

NOVA--
WHAT DO YOU
SEE?

THEY'RE
GONE,
CAP!



LOOKS
LIKE THEY JUST
TELEPORTED OUT
AS SOON AS
WE LEFT.

YOU THINK
THEY JUST
TOOK THEIR BALL
AND WENT
HOME?

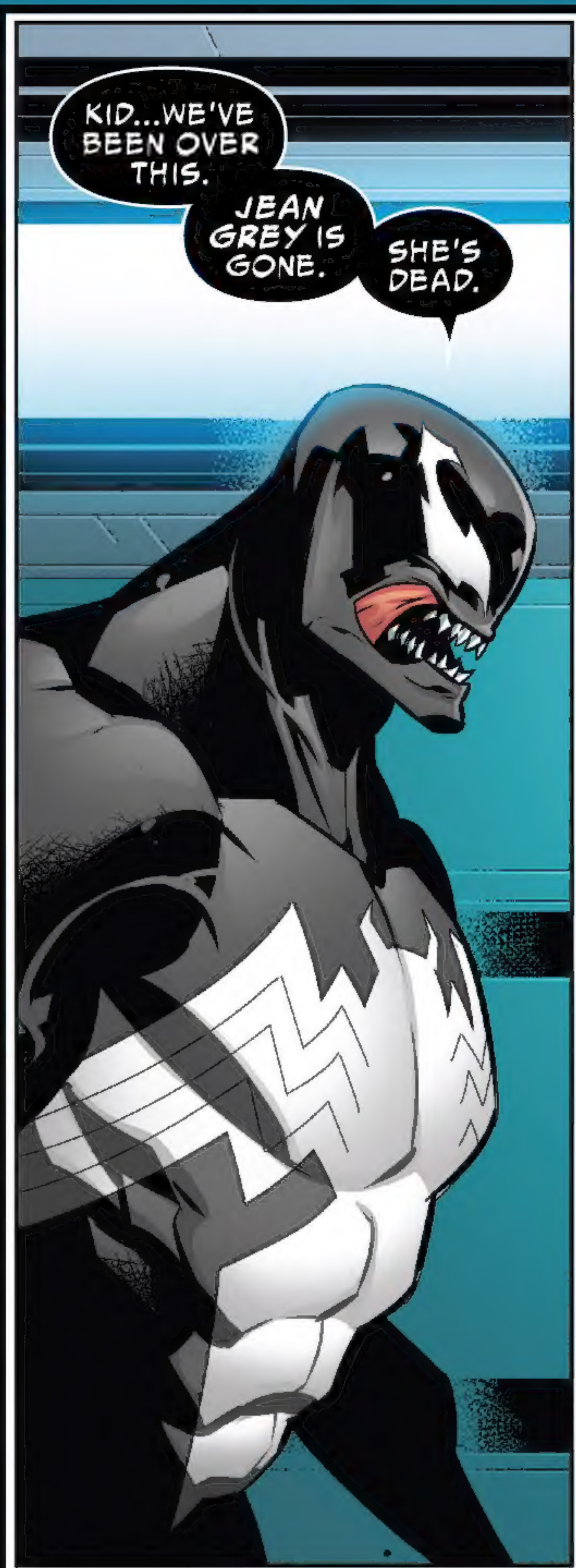
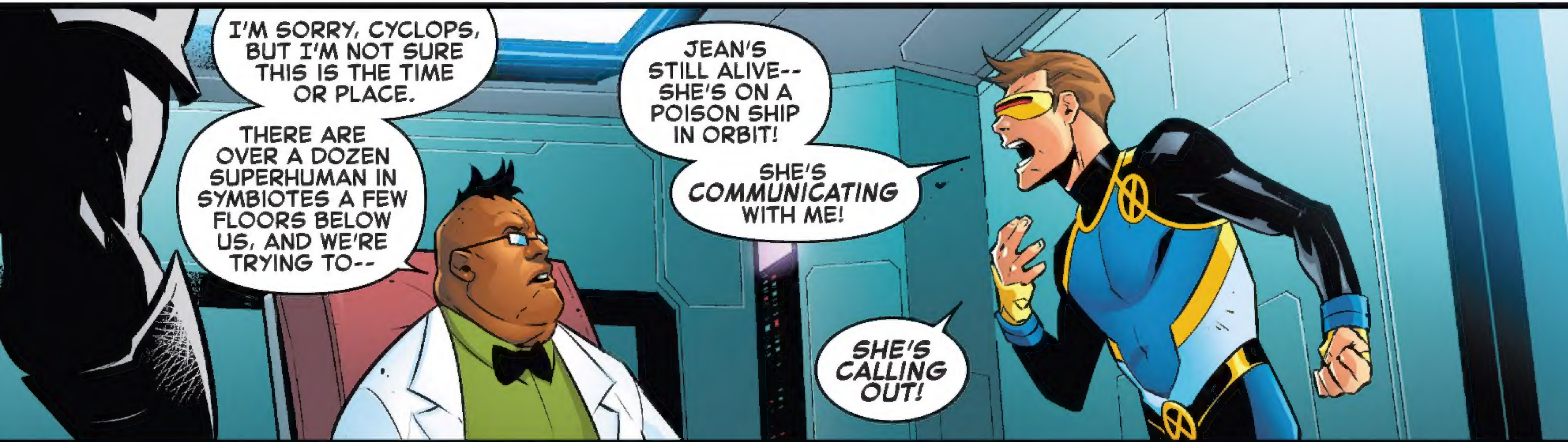
WE'RE NOT
THAT LUCKY.
YOU SAW WHAT
HAPPENED TO
D-MAN AND
RAGE.



THEY'RE NOT
INTERESTED IN
MASS DESTRUCTION...
UNLESS IT DRAWS PEOPLE
WITH ENHANCED ABILITIES
INTO THEIR
CROSSHAIRS.

THEY'RE USING
ALIEN SYMBIOTES
TO PREP THEIR TARGETS
FOR SOME SORT OF
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
TAKEOVER.

KID, IT'S TIME TO
PUT THOSE **MONSTERS** OF
YOURS TO USE AND DO A LITTLE
SURPRISE ATTACKING
OF OUR OWN.





I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU TURN ME INTO A WEAPON.

MY ANTI-SYMBIOTE PROPERTIES...THEY AREN'T SUPPOSED TO KILL PEOPLE.

BUT WHEN I TOUCHED THAT POISON...



DID YOU HEAR THE WAY HE SCREAMED?

THERE WAS A PERSON INSIDE THAT THING.

AND I JUST... MURDERED HIM.



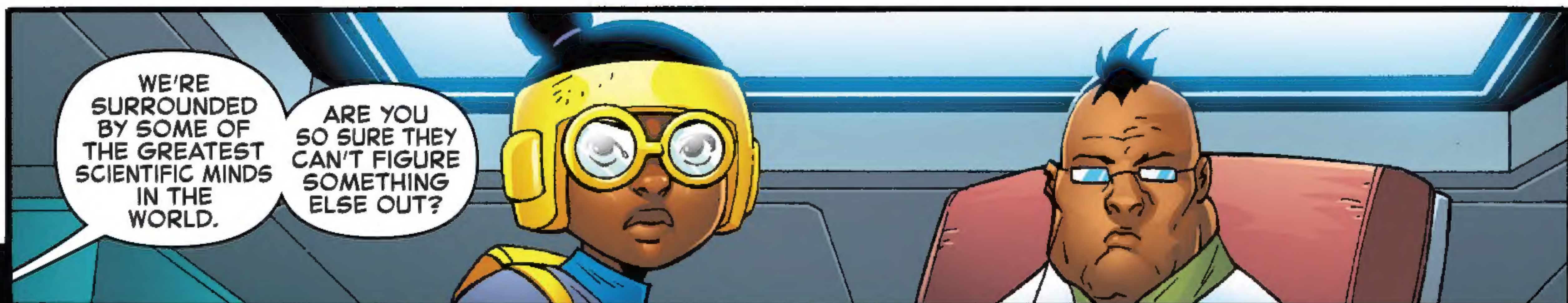
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN LISTENING?

WHOEVER WAS INSIDE THE POISON, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.

ONCE THE POISONS TAKE OVER...THE SYMBIOTE... THE HOST...THEY CEASE TO EXIST.

I KNOW YOU'VE FACED THESE THINGS BEFORE, VENOM...

...BUT CAN YOU BE ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THAT?



WE'RE SURROUNDED BY SOME OF THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN THE WORLD.

ARE YOU SO SURE THEY CAN'T FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT?



I'M SURE WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

THE POISONS ARE COLLECTING WEAPONS.

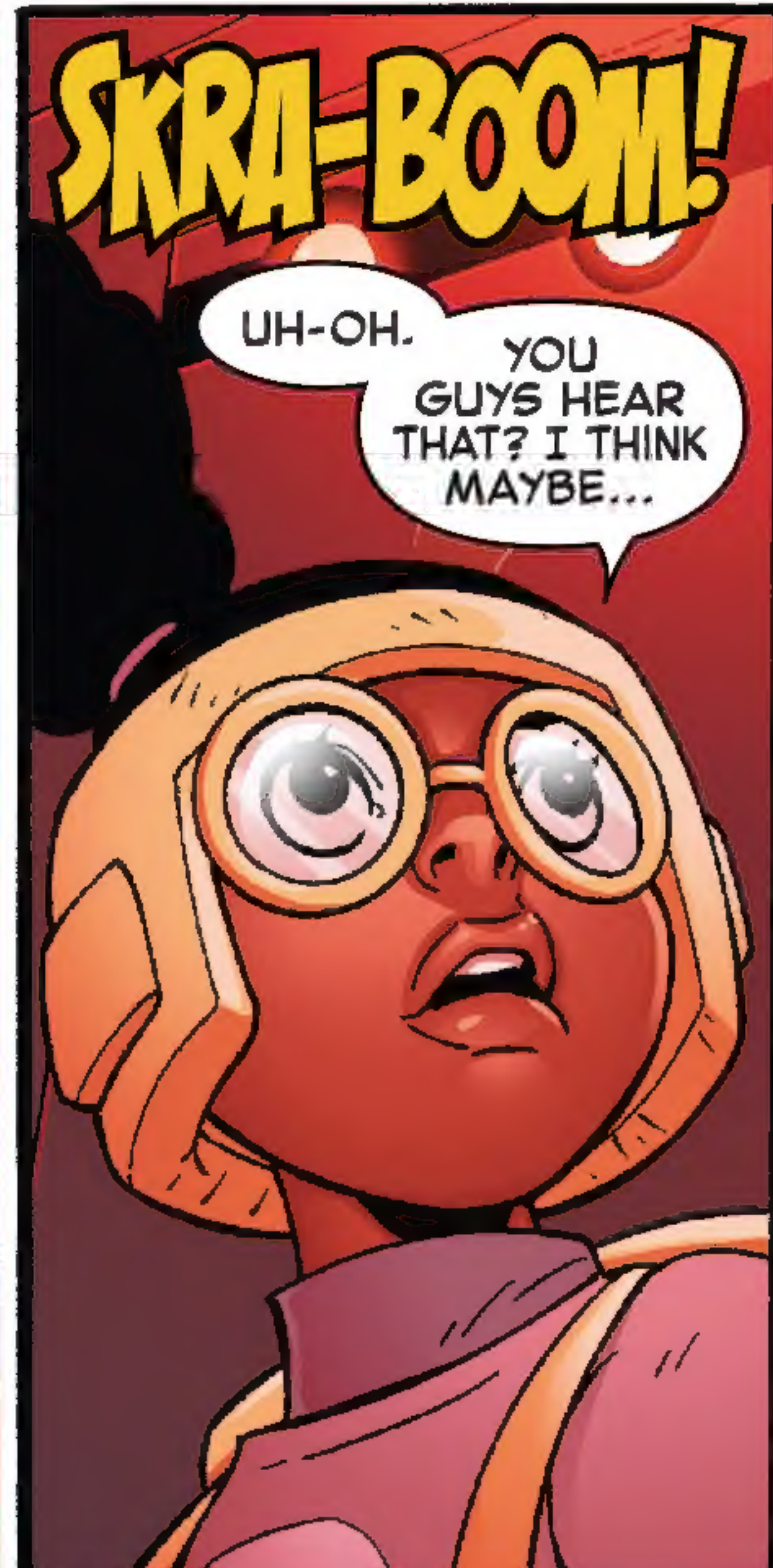
THEY'VE BEEN JUMPING THROUGH REALITY, GATHERING UP TOUGH CUSTOMERS TO BOLSTER THEIR RANKS.



IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY GET SOMEONE LIKE THE KID HERE...

...SOMEONE WHO CAN CONTROL MONSTERS...

...AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS... WELL--

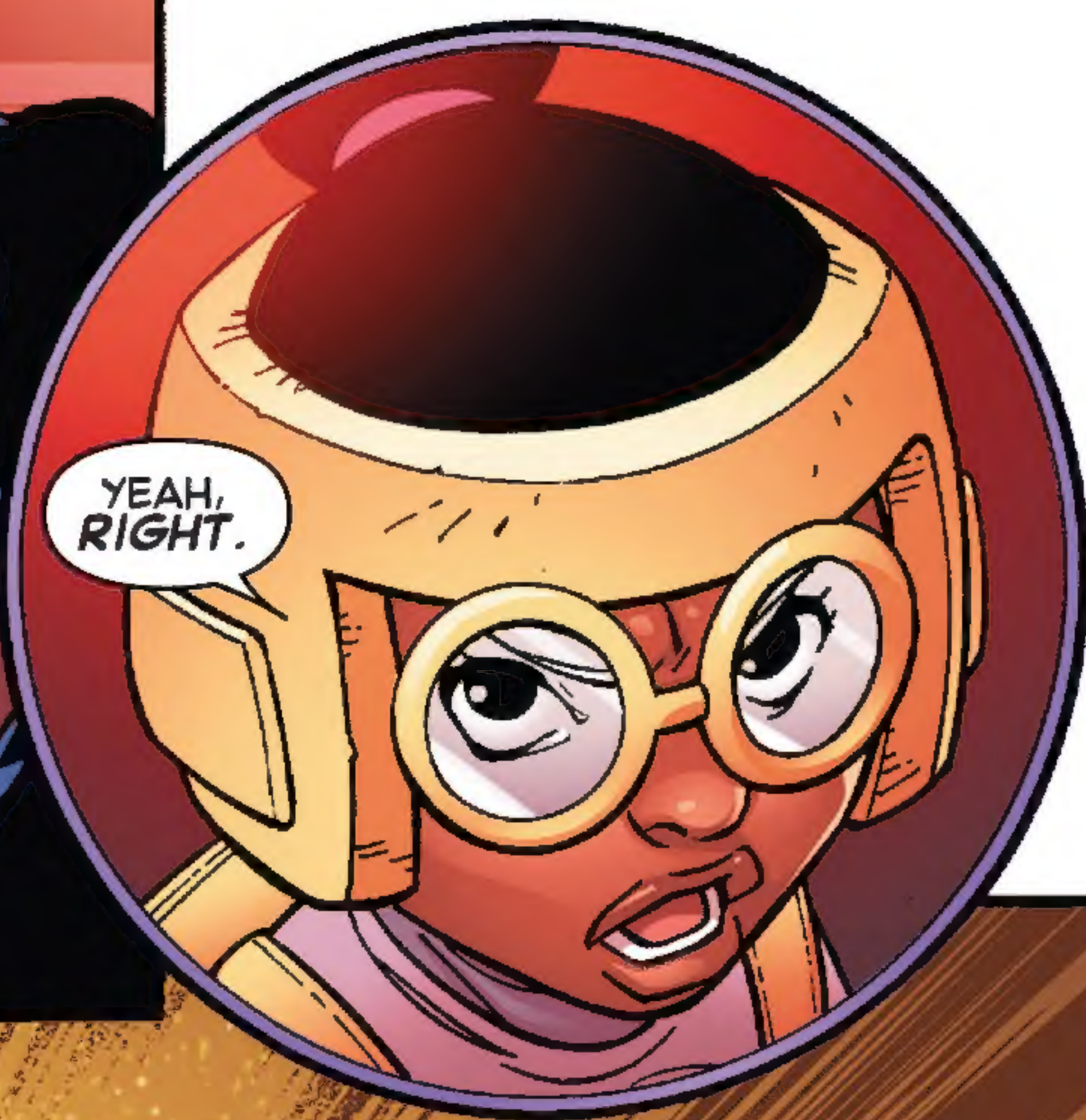
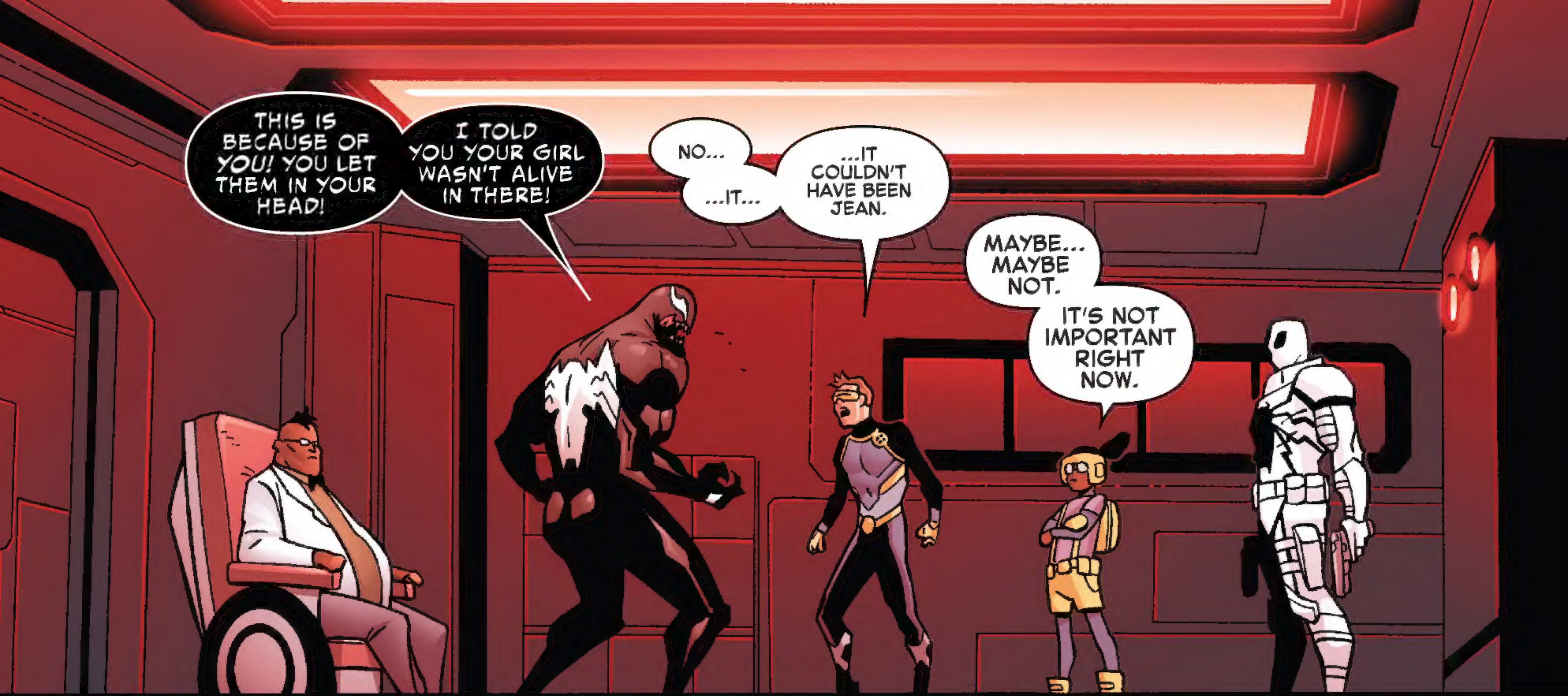


SKRA-BOOM!

UH-OH.

YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? I THINK MAYBE...

...THEY FOUND US!!



MEANWHILE...

KITTY!

GET THE STUDENTS CLEAR!

WE CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF FOREVER!

JIMMY...

BETTER LISTEN TO YER FRIEND, GIRLIE.
ANY BISCUITS LEFT ON THE PLATE... GET ET!

YEEEEEEAAAARGH!

EYE-BOY!

BAMF

WHERE ARE WE TAKING THEM?

ANYWHERE BUT HERE, ELF!

SO YOU'RE CARNAGE, HUH?

HOW ABOUT LEAVE THE KIDS ALONE AND DEAL WITH ME?

WHATEVER YOU SAY, FRIEND-O.

BUT YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING YOUR BACK!



ALL THIS
TIME ON THIS
WORLD...

...SO
LOST...

...SO
ALONE...

...BUT
NOW THE HIVE
HAS GIVEN ME
PURPOSE.

I AM
SORRY,
JIMMY...

...SORRY
I COULD NOT
PROTECT
YOU.



DID HE--

DON'T
SWEAT IT,
LUNELLA!



I
SENT DEVIL
SOMEWHERE
SAFE!

NOW
WE'RE HERE
TO DO THE SAME
FOR THE REST
OF YOU!



HOLD THEM BACK!
WE NEED TO GIVE EVERYONE TIME TO CLEAR THE BUILDING!
THEN-- AND ONLY THEN--WE PULL BACK TO READY A COUNTER-STRIKE!



KID KAIJU!
LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT!
BRING IN SOME BACKUP!



WORKING ON IT, CAP!



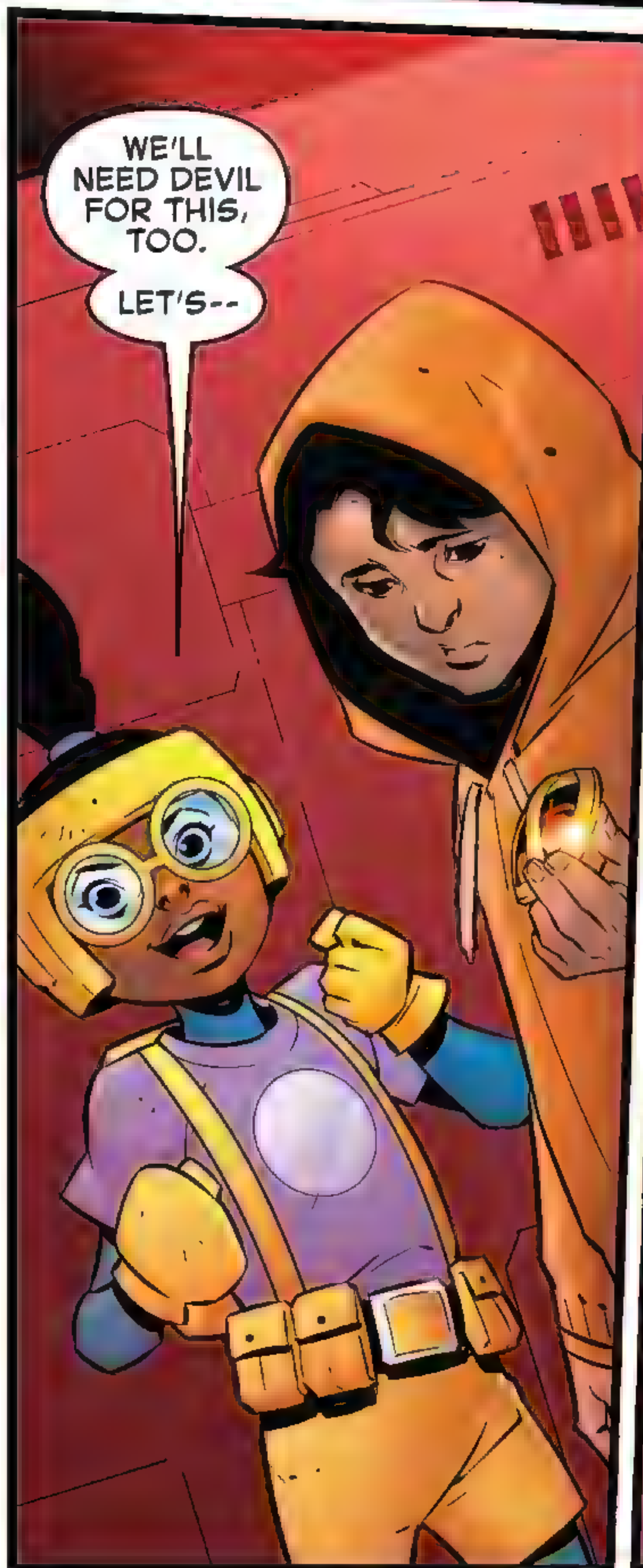
WELL, WELL, WELL!
LOOKS LIKE THEY BROUGHT THE LITTLEST ANOMALY RIGHT TO THE FEEDING FRENZY!



OH, HEY.
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO MEET SOME OF MY FRIENDS--



--GOOM, GOMDULLA AND GORGILLA.





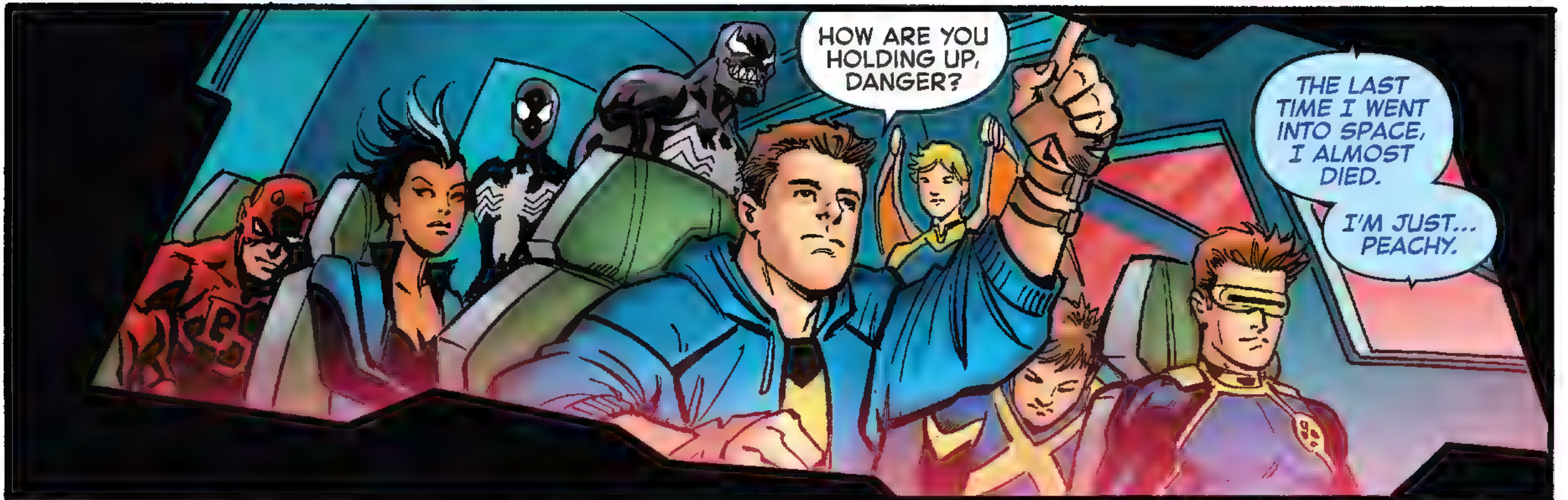
"SOMEONE'S GOTTA SAVE THE DAY."



HERE'S HOPING CYCLOPS IS RIGHT ABOUT JEAN GREY.

VERILY, CAPTAIN. YOU MEAN YOU HOPE WE ARE NOT STUMBLING INTO A DEATH TRAP.

VERILY.



HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, DANGER?

THE LAST TIME I WENT INTO SPACE, I ALMOST DIED.

I'M JUST... PEACHY.



TAKE US BACK HOME.

THEY THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY FROM US.

I WANT TO BE THERE TO PROVE THEM WRONG.



OUR ORDERS ARE TO REMAIN ON EARTH.

WE ARE TO BOLSTER OUR RANKS AND STRENGTHEN THE HIVE.

HANG ON!

WE'VE GOT INCOMING--





THE QUINJET!
IT'S BEEN HIT!



THEY
NEED OUR
HELP!

THERE'S
NOT MUCH WE
CAN DO FOR
THEM!

WE
NEED TO HIT
THE POISONS
NOW--OR WE'LL
NEVER STOP
THEM!



IS
EVERYONE--

I THINK...
WE'RE
OKAY.



I USED MY
SYMBIOTE
TO CREATE A
CUSHION...
...TO
SOFTEN THE
CRASH.

GROSS.



SYMBIOTES--
STAY BACK.

WE
MAY HAVE
SURVIVED THE
CRASH...

...BUT
I HAVE A
FEELING...



...THAT
WAS THE
PLAN.



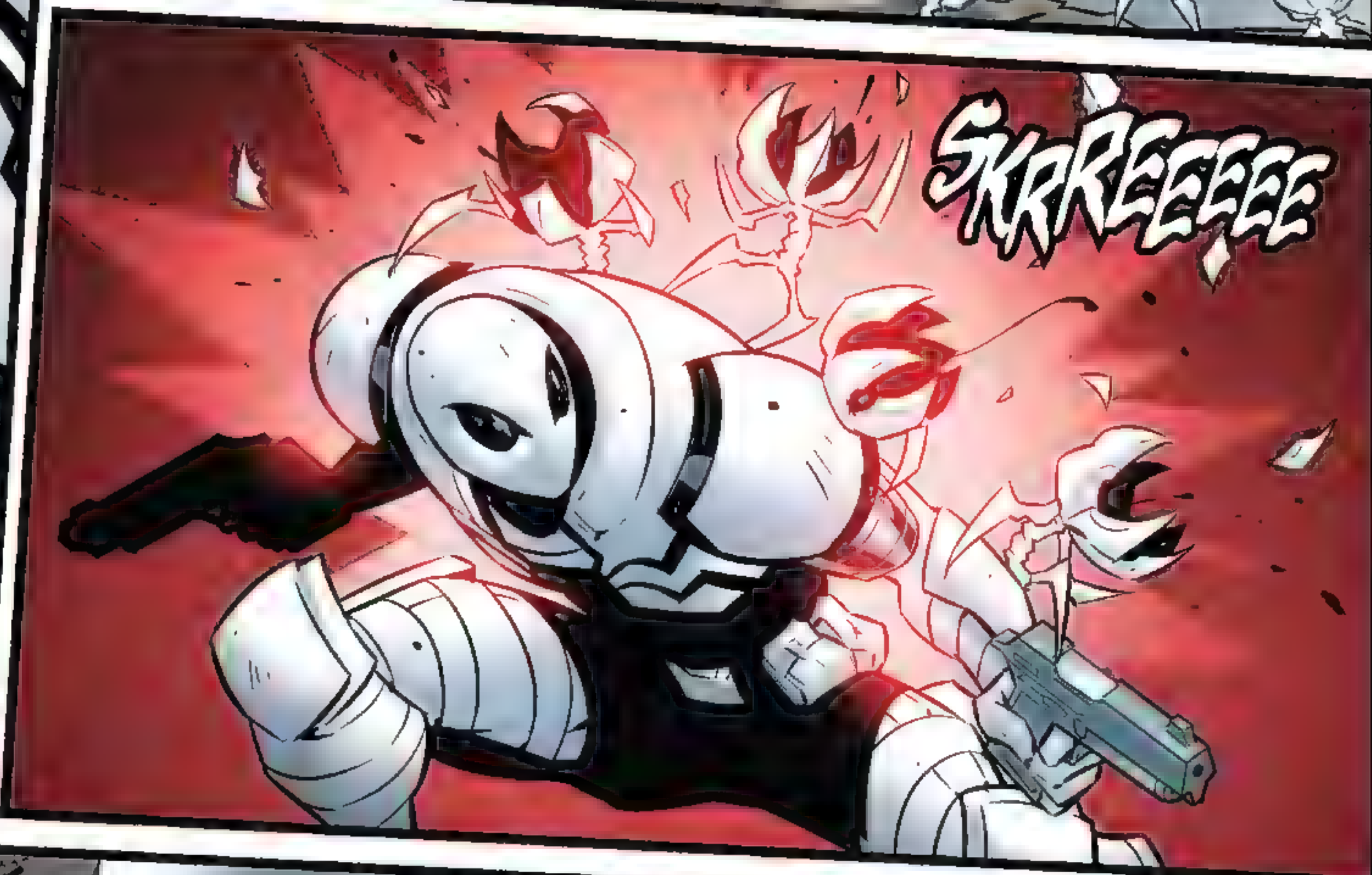
Y'KNOW,
I MIGHT
NOT WANT TO
HURT SOMEONE
WHO WAS ONCE
A FRIEND...



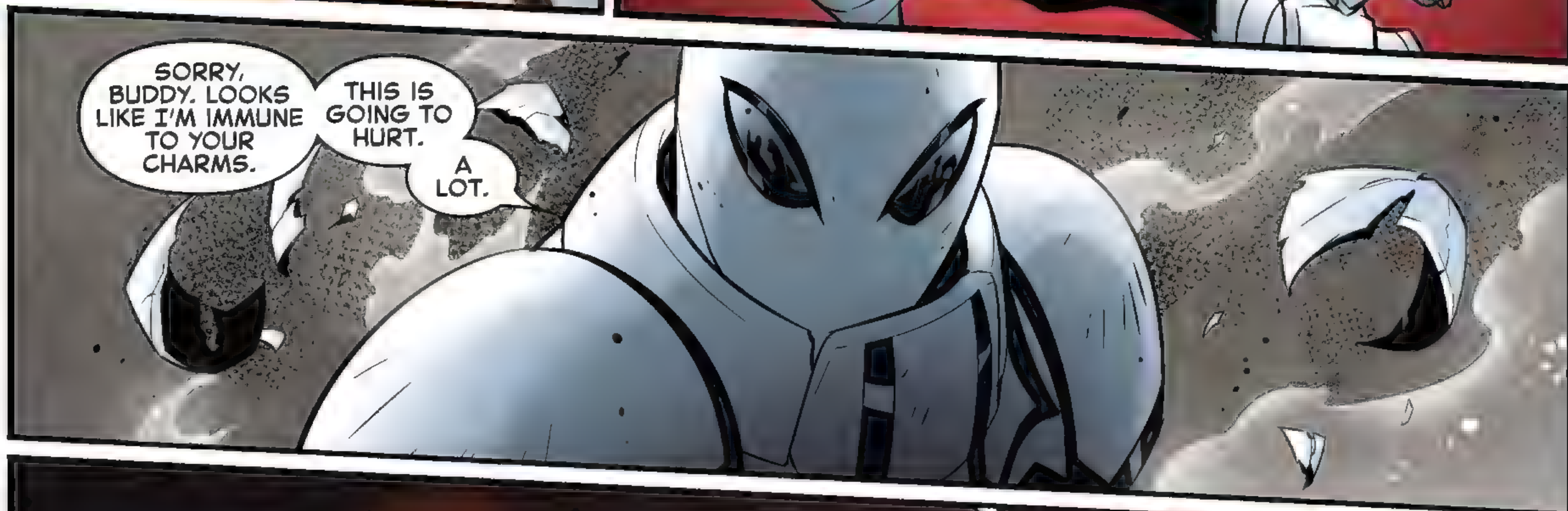
...BUT THIS
GUY WAS
NEVER A
FRIEND!

**BRAKKA!
BRAKKA!**

**BRAKKA!
BRAKKA!
BRAKKA!**



SKRREEEEE



SORRY,
BUDDY. LOOKS
LIKE I'M IMMUNE
TO YOUR
CHARMS.

THIS IS
GOING TO
HURT.
A
LOT.



YES.
IT
WILL.

VRAAAAAK!



THE MIGHTY
SCRAGG
DEMANDS THAT
YOU SURRENDER
PEACEFULLY!

ALL OUR AWFUL
DIFFERENCES CAN
BE SETTLED THROUGH
THE TERRIFYING
POWER OF RATIONAL
DISCUSSION!

BUT...
Y'KNOW...WE
CAN GO THE
OTHER WAY,
TOO.

AT LAST
MY MISTRESS
WILL BE SO
PLEASED.

TO BE
CONCLUDED!

NEXT:



ON SALE IN ONE WEEK!

THE EPIC FINALE OF THE "VENOMIZED" SAGA ARRIVES NEXT WEEK WITH VENOMIZED #5, ON SALE 5/2. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS HOW THIS ENDS, FOLKS! BE SURE TO GET TO YOUR LOCAL COMIC SHOP AND PICK UP THE CLIMACTIC CONCLUSION AND CATCH UP ON THE FIRST FOUR ISSUES OF VENOMIZED IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, TRUE BELIEVERS
--TOM

